

# BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE SECURITIES DIVISION,	
Petitioner,	
v. )	Matter No.: 22-00303
SUMMIT PREMIUM PLUS FUND, LP	
Respondent.	

### **CONSENT ORDER**

The Securities Division of the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance ("Division") and Summit Premium Plus Fund, LP ("Respondent"), by and through undersigned counsel, agree to the entry and execution of this Consent Order in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated ("Tenn. Code Ann.") § 48-1-116 of the Tennessee Securities Act of 1980 ("Act"), as amended, and Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 48-1-101 to 48-1-201, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance ("Commissioner").

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. The Respondent is the issuer of a Pooled Investment Fund ("Fund") pursuant to Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933.
- 2. The Division is the lawful agent through which the Commissioner discharges the administration of the Act pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 48-1-115.

### **GENERAL STIPULATIONS**

3. It is expressly understood that this Consent Order is subject to the Commissioner's acceptance and has no force and effect until such acceptance is evidenced by the entry and

execution of the Commissioner.

4. It is expressly understood that this Consent Order is in the public interest, necessary

for the protection of investors, and consistent with the purposes fairly intended by the policy and

provisions of the Act.

5. This Consent Order is executed by the Commissioner, the Division, and the

Respondent to avoid further administrative action with respect to this cause. Should this Consent

Order not be accepted by the Commissioner, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration of

this Consent Order by the Commissioner shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Commissioner

from further participation or resolution of these proceedings.

6. The Respondent fully understands that this Consent Order will in no way preclude

additional proceedings by the Commissioner against the Respondent for acts and/or omissions not

specifically addressed in this Consent Order nor for facts and/or omissions that do not arise from

the facts or transactions herein.

7. The Respondent fully understands that this Consent Order will in no way preclude

proceedings by state government representatives, other than the Commissioner, for acts or

omissions addressed specifically in this Consent Order, violations of law under statutes, rules, or

regulations of the State of Tennessee that arise out of the facts, acts, or omissions contained in this

Consent Order, or acts or omissions addressed specifically herein that result from the execution of

this Consent Order.

8. The Respondent waives all further procedural steps and waive all rights to seek

judicial review of, or otherwise challenge the validity of this Consent Order, the stipulations and

imposition of discipline contained herein, or the consideration and entry and execution of this

Consent Order by the Commissioner.

9. This Consent Order is submitted on the condition that, if accepted, the Commissioner will not bring any future actions against the Respondent alleging violations based

on the same factual findings described herein.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

10. On July 1, 2014, the Respondent sold the Fund to nine (9) investors. Further sales occurred on October 1, 2014; March 1, 2015; April 1, 2015; January 1, 2016; February 1, 2016; March 1, 2016; April 1, 2016; September 1, 2016; July 1, 2017; November 1, 2017; January 1, 2018; February 1, 2018; March 1, 2019; March 1, 2020; and July 1, 2020. There was a total of twenty-nine (29) transactions with sixteen (16) investors.

- 11. On July 9, 2014, the Respondent filed a Form D, Notice of Exempt Offering of Securities, with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").
- 12. The Form D filing listed Malcolm Clissold ("Clissold") and James Falciani as a "Member of General Partner."
- 13. The Form D filing identified Brentwood, Tennessee, as the principal place of business.
- 14. The Form D identified the issue as a hedge fund with an exemption under Rule 506(b) of Regulation D.
- 15. On January 19, 2021, the Division opened a routine examination of SCC Capital Group, LLC ("SCC"), Central Registration Depository ("CRD") number 147148.
- 16. Mr. Clissold, CRD number 223149, was listed as SCC's owner and chief compliance officer.
- 17. During the examination, the Division found that SCC listed the Respondent's Fund on its website.

18. On November 18, 2021, the Division requested further information about the Fund and inquired as to the notice filing status of the Fund with the Division.

19. The Division found that the Fund was not noticed filed with the State, even after the Division gave notice to the Respondent of the filing deficiency.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

20. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 48-1-115(a), the responsibility for the administration of the Act is vested in the Commissioner. The Division is the lawful agent through which the Commissioner discharges this responsibility pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 48-1-115(b).

21. Tenn. Code Ann. § 48-1-116 provides that the Commissioner may make, promulgate, amend, and rescind such orders as are necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act upon a finding that such order is in the public interest, necessary for the protection of investors, and consistent with the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act.

- 22. Tenn. Code Ann. § 48-1-104 provides that it is unlawful to sell any security in Tennessee unless the security is registered in Tennessee, exempt under Tenn. Code Ann. § 48-1-103, or the security is a covered security.
  - 23. Tenn. Code Ann. § 48-1-125(a)(1) provides:

(D) With respect to any security that is a covered security under § 18(b)(4)(E) of the Securities Act of 1933, the issuer shall file with the commissioner, no later than fifteen (15) days after the first sale of such covered security in this state, a notice consisting of:

- (i) Form D signed by the issuer; and
- (ii) A nonrefundable filing fee of five hundred dollars (\$500).

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24. Tenn. Code Ann. § 48-1-125(c)(2) states:

Any issuer of a covered security that does not promptly remedy a delay in payment of any fee or promptly remedy a delay in making any filing required under this part shall be deemed not to have complied with such

filing or fee requirements. For purposes of this subdivision (c)(2), an issuer will have promptly remedied a delay in payment or filing if the issuer remits

the required fee or filing within ten (10) business days of receipt of notification of the delay or underpayment.

The Findings of Fact detailed above demonstrates that Respondent failed to notice

file with the Division fifteen (15) days after the first sale in Tennessee in July 2014 in violation of

Tenn. Code Ann. § 48-1-125(a)(1), which authorizes the issuance of civil penalties.

26. The Findings of Fact detailed above demonstrate that Respondent failed to remedy

the delay in payment and notice filing within ten (10) days of notification of the deficiency by the

Division pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 48-1-125(c)(2), which authorizes the issuance of civil

penalties

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27. The Findings of Fact detailed above demonstrates that Respondent offered and sold

unregistered securities in Tennessee in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 48-1-104 and - 103, which

authorizes the issuance of civil penalties.

28. The Commissioner finds the following relief appropriate, in the public interest, and

necessary for the protection of investors.

<u>ORDER</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the foregoing, including the Respondent's waiver of the

right to a hearing and appeal under the Act and the Tennessee Uniform Administrative Procedures

Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 et seq., and the Respondent's admission to the jurisdiction of

the Commissioner, the Commissioner finds that the Respondent agrees to the entry and execution

of this Consent Order to settle this matter as evidenced by the Respondent's signature.

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 48-1-116(a), of the Law, that:

1. The Respondent shall COMPLY with the Act, as amended, and all rules promulgated

thereunder; and

2. The Respondent PAY A CIVIL PENALTY to the State of Tennessee of one thousand

dollars (\$1,000), pursuant to the following payment terms:

3. The payment of such civil penalty shall be made by check payable to the Tennessee

Department of Commerce and Insurance within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Order by

the Commissioner. Page one (1) of this Consent Order must accompany the payment for reference.

Payment shall be mailed to the attention of:

State of Tennessee

Department of Commerce and Insurance

Attn: Catherine Tabor 500 James Robertson Parkway

Davy Crockett Tower

Nashville, Tennessee 37243

GRACE PERIOD – Payment shall be made in a timely manner if postmarked within five

(5) business days of the date payment is due.

4. **ACCELERATION** – Respondent hereby agree that failure to remit any payment

more than sixty (60) calendar days following the due date of said payment as indicated in the

above-scheduled payments shall constitute default. Upon default, the entire outstanding civil

penalty shall be due and payable immediately.

5. MODIFICATION – The Division and Respondent hereby agree that

modifications to this Consent Order regarding any term may only be made in writing and signed

6. The Respondent's failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Order, including

the manner and method of payment of the civil penalty described above, shall result in further

administrative disciplinary actions, which may include the assessment of additional civil penalties.

7. This Consent Order represents the complete and final resolution of and discharge

of all administrative and civil claims, demands, actions, and causes of action by the Commissioner

against the Respondent for violations of the Act with respect to the transactions involved in above-

referenced facts. However, excluded from and not covered by this paragraph, are any claims by

the Division arising from or relating to the enforcement of the Consent Order provisions contained

herein.

8. This Consent Order is in the public interest and the best interests of the Parties. It

represents a settlement of the controversy between the Parties and is for settlement purposes only.

By the signatures affixed below, or in two (2) or more counterparts, the Respondent affirmatively

state the following: the Respondent freely agree to the entry and execution of the Consent Order;

the Respondent waive the right to a hearing on, or a review of, the matters, the Findings of Fact,

and the Conclusions of Law underlying this Consent Order or the enforcement of this Consent

Order; and the Respondent encountered no threats or promises of any kind by the Commissioner,

the Division, or any agent or representative thereof.

9. By signing this Consent Order, the Commissioner, the Division, and the

Respondent affirmatively state their agreement to be bound by the terms of this Consent Order and

aver that no promises or offers relating to the circumstances described herein, other than the terms

of settlement as set forth in this Consent Order, are binding upon them.

10. This Consent Order may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which

shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same document.

The facsimile, email, or other electronically delivered signatures of the parties shall be deemed to

constitute original signatures, and facsimile or other electronic copies shall be deemed to constitute

duplicate originals.



Carter Lawrence, Commissioner Department of Commerce and Insurance

APPROVED FOR ENTRY AND EXECUTION:

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